

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I am concerned and wanted to submit my written testimony in regards to the recent gun control proposals. This state has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation and yet we still suffer from serious problems with juvenile crime and violent crimes in general. These issues should be addressed with the utmost urgency and sincerity, but not at the cost of further restricting the rights and freedoms of law abiding citizens.

Please oppose S.B. 16 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME. This bill places further restrictions on Connecticut residents' right to bear arms without addressing juvenile crime nor violent crime. A direct solution to these problems would involve expanding education and extracurricular activities for youths, expanding the existing social programs available to adults, and improving funding for our police force to provide for advanced training.

Please also oppose H.B. 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

Please support S.B. 388 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

Please support H.B. 5415 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

Please support H.B. 5412 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Sincerely,

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